(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Besides continuing its major activity, namely, manufacture and sale of bread, Modern Food Industries (India Ltd. has already diversified in the field of other food industries like fruit juice/drinks, fruit pulp concentrates for sweetened aeraed waters, etc. An outlay of Rs 6.70 crores has been approved in the annual Plan (1989-90) for the schemes of the Company, which would be in the nature of strengthening/reorganising some of these activities, as well as expanding the existing capacities or setting up new projects. The main projects proposed to be taken up during 1989-90 are:—

(i) Expansion of capacity in the bakery unit at Delhi in a phased manner;

(ii) Expansion of capacity in the bakery unit at Madras;

(iii) Setting up of a fruit juice bottling plant at Madras;

(iv) Setting up of a Poshahar plant at Udaipur;

(v) Setting up of an extruder plant at Varanasi.

Welfare Schemes for SC/ST

1211. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the welfare scheme started by his Ministry for the welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the details of the amounts spent on their welfare during 1987-88 and the amount earmarked for 1988-89;

(c) the assistance given to Uttar Pradesh for the purpose during the current year; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that the benefit of schemes reaches the deserving people ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Central assistance given to the States/U Ts. for various schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during 1987-88 and 1988-89 is annexed [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 60].

(c) The information in respect of 1988-89 is annexed . [*See* Appendix CL, Annexur No. 61]

(d) Necessary guidelines have been issued to the State Govts. to ensure effective implementation of various schemes meant for the development of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. properly motivating and mobilising the field level agencies. Due monitoring of the implementation of the schemes/programmes is being done at the Central as well as State levels. Necessary evaluation of the impact of the programmes is also being taken up wherever necessary.

Alternative system of Transport in Metropolitan Cities

1212. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts of road research have suggested alternative system of transport for larger metropolises; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The Centrel Road Research Institute in their Report. 'Mobility levels & Transport Problems of Various population Groups'· submitted to the Planning Commission in June, 1989 have recommended that alternative systems of transport should be considered for cities of various sizes including larger metropolises. The recommendations will be kept in view while formulating transportation strategies for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Planning Authority for Existing Metro Authorities

1213. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Task Force of the Planning Commission has recommended the role of Planning Authority for existing metro authorities; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wastage of Fertiliser Due to inadequate Storage and Delayed Loading

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bags of fertilisers wasted yearly due to inadequate godowns facilities and delay in loading and

(b) the approximate loss incurred during the last three years and the steps taken to ensure quick loading and provide godowns to protect the fertiliser bags from being ruined by rains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) By and large adequate godown facilities for storage of fertilisers are available in the country. About 1% of the fertiliser bags get damaged on account of movement by rail road, handling at warehouses/ railheads or other such unforeseen circumstances like delay in loading etc. Care is taken to keep the losses to the minimum, by insisting on ISI specifications for Laminated Jute bage etc.

Number of wage earning children in the country

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of children per thousand who are wage earners;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard to find out their nature of jobs, working conditions etc; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) According to the projections made for 1986 on the basis of the figures of the National Sample Survey (38th Round) and of the Expert Committee on Population Projections, out of every thousand children in the age group 5—14 years 91 were child workers.